

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

FRANCIS BAUER HARRIS,
Plaintiff

v.

CRAIG W. STEADMAN,
Defendant

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 12-993

ORDER

AND NOW, this 24th day of October 2016, upon consideration of the pending motion and response, it is hereby **ORDERED** that for the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion:

1. Defendant's motion to dismiss (Doc. No. 99) is **GRANTED** on abstention grounds.
2. This case is **STAYED**, rather than dismissed, pending the resolution of Plaintiff's PCRA proceedings, and the Clerk is **DIRECTED** to place this case in **CIVIL SUSPENSE** and to **CLOSE** the case for statistical purposes.
3. Plaintiff may return to this Court within 30 days of the completion of his PCRA proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Cynthia M. Rufe

CYNTHIA M. RUFÉ, J.